

SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization; The first table provides a summary of all notifications; Individual details follow separately. Interested parties may obtain a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT; simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification and return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS.

Please provide us with your E-mail address (on the request form). For questions regarding policy matters, call Carolyn Fillmore Wilson (202) 720-2239, otherwise Ms. Thompson at (202) 720-9124 for address/telephone changes.

NOTE - Please include your name/fax number on all request forms.

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SPS	SVN/15/A1	Regulates Marketing of Forest Reproductive Material	Slovenia	02.0151.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	AUS/139	Fresh Pineapples	Australia	02.0175	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	SVN/16	Seeds and Propagative Material	Slovenia	02.0176	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	USA/587	Pesticides: Fludioxonil	United States of America	02.0177	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	USA/588	Pesticide: Cyprodinil	United States of America	02.0178	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	USA/589	Pesticide: Azoxystrobin	United States of America	02.0179	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CHN/3	Cosmetics-Animal Origin Content from BSE infected Countries	China	02.0180	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CHN/4	Cosmetics- Quarantine Certification regarding BSE Countries	China	02.0181	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	USA/171/R1	Swine and Swine Products from EU	United States of America	99.0173.R1	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	SVN/8	Forest Reproductive Material	Slovenia	02.0071	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	SVN/9	Seeds and Propagative Material	Slovenia	02.0072	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	GRD/1	Wet Seasoning	Grenada	02.0073	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	GRD/2	Labelling of Pesticides and Other Toxic Chemicals	Grenada	02.0074	<input type="checkbox"/>

FSTSD # 02.0151.A1 **Country -** Slovenia **Product** Regulates Marketing of Forest Reproductive
Comment Deadline Date - 5/30/02 **Enforcement Date -** June 2002 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS SVN/15/A1
Objective - Plant Protection

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The final date for comments has been extended to 30 May 2002.

Description of content (from original notification): This act regulates marketing of forest reproductive material, conditions for production and use thereof; the obligations of persons involved in production, marketing and import of reproductive material; professional tasks and procedures relating to origin, quality and identity of reproductive material; acquisition and exchange of data; seed reserves and gene bank; costs; bodies responsible for carrying out this act, and supervision.

FSTSD # 02.0175 **Country -** Australia **Product** Fresh Pineapples
Comment Deadline Date - 6/14/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS AUS/139
Objective - Plant Protection

Description - Pest risk analysis and a preliminary view on the measures that would achieve Australia's appropriate level of protection for the importation of fresh pineapple fruit for human consumption.

FSTSD # 02.0176 **Country -** Slovenia **Product** Seeds and Propagative Material

FSTSD # 02.0176 **Country -** Slovenia **Product** Seeds and Propagative Material
Comment Deadline Date - 5/30/02 **Enforcement Date -** July 2002 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS SVN/16
Objective - Plant Protection

Description - The Act regulates the production, processing, import and placing on the market of seed and propagating material of agricultural and horticultural plant species, prescribes conditions for carrying out activities of a supplier, responsibilities of a supplier, quality requirements and other conditions, which seeds and propagating materials shall meet, official checking of suppliers and official certification of seeds and propagating material, entering the varieties in the national catalogue of varieties, maintenance of varieties, supervision over carrying out the Act, prescribes official tasks and authorizations of responsible official bodies, prescribes measures that shall be taken by responsible official bodies, establishes an information system and regulates the exchange of data and information in the field seeds and propagating materials, regulates infringements and penalties, transitional and final provisions.

FSTSD # 02.0177 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Pesticides: Fludioxonil
Comment Deadline Date - 5/31/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/587
Objective - Food Safety

Description - This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

EPA has received four pesticide petitions proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180.516 by establishing tolerances for residues of fludioxonil (4-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-4-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carbonitrile) in or on the following raw agricultural commodities (RACs) with the respective tolerance levels in parts per million (ppm): the first petition proposes the establishment of a tolerance for the bushberry subgroup, lingonberry, junberry, and salal at 2.0 ppm; the second petition proposes the establishment of a tolerance for watercress at 7.0 ppm; the third petition proposes the establishment of a tolerance for pistachio at 0.10 ppm and the fourth proposes the establishment of a tolerance for the caneberry subgroup at 5.0 ppm. EPA has determined that the petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2) of the FFDCA; however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the petitions. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on these petitions.

FSTSD # 02.0178 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Pesticide: Cyprodinil
Comment Deadline Date - 5/31/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/588
Objective - Food Safety

Description - This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

EPA has received four pesticide petitions proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.532 by establishing tolerances for residues of cyprodinil, [4-cyclopropyl-6-methyl-N-phenyl-2-pyrimidinamine], in or on the following raw agricultural commodities (RACs):

1. Proposes a tolerance for caneberry subgroup at 10.0 parts per million (ppm).
2. Proposes a tolerance for bushberry subgroup, lingonberry, junberry, and salal, at 3.0 ppm.
3. Proposes a tolerance for watercress at 20 ppm.
4. Proposes a tolerance for pistachio at 0.07 ppm.

Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petitions.

FSTSD # 02.0179 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Pesticide: Azoxystrobin
Comment Deadline Date - 5/31/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/589

FSTSD # 02.0179 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Pesticide: Azoxystrobin

Objective - Food Safety

Description - This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

EPA has received four pesticide petitions numbers proposing pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.507 by establishing and/or amending tolerances for the combined residues of azoxystrobin: (methyl (E)-2-2-[6-(2-cyanophenoxy)pyrimidin-4-yloxy]phenyl-3-methoxyacrylate) and the Z isomer of azoxystrobin, (methyl (Z)-2-2-[6-(2-cyanophenoxy)pyrimidin-4-yloxy]phenyl-3-methoxyacrylate) in or on the agricultural commodities:

1. Proposes to establish a tolerance for caneberry subgroup at 5.0 parts per million (ppm).
2. Proposes to increase the existing tolerance for pistachio from 0.02 ppm to 1.0 ppm.
3. Proposes to establish a tolerance for asparagus at 0.02 ppm.
4. Proposes to establish a tolerance for cranberry at 0.5 ppm.

Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

FSTSD # 02.0180 **Country -** China **Product** Cosmetics-Animal Origin Content from BSE

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CHN/3

Objective - Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - Importation (including by carrying or mail) and sale in the Chinese market of cosmetics containing such animal origin contents from BSE infected countries and regions as bovine and ovine brains, nerve tissue, bowels, placenta and blood (including its extract) etc. are prohibited. All such products which are already in the Chinese market shall be recalled no later than 20 April 2002.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s): To prevent BSE from being introduced in China.

FSTSD # 02.0181 **Country -** China **Product** Cosmetics- Quarantine Certification regardi

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CHN/4

Objective - Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - When applications for importing cosmetics from BSE infected countries or regions are addressed to the Ministry of Health, official quarantine certificate issued by producing countries or regions shall be provided to prove that the products being imported do not contain such animal origin contents from BSE infected countries or regions as bovine and ovine brains, nerve tissue, bowels, placenta and blood (including related extract) etc.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s): To prevent BSE from being introduced in China.

FSTSD # 99.0173.R1 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Swine and Swine Products from EU

Comment Deadline Date - 7/2/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/171/R

Objective - Animal Health

Description - The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is giving notice of the availability of, and are requesting comments on, a revised analysis of the risk of introducing classical swine fever virus in swine and swine products imported from the European Union.

FSTSD # 02.0071 **Country -** Slovenia **Product** Forest Reproductive Material

Comment Deadline Date - 5/12/02 **Enforcement Date -** 06/12/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT SVN/8

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This act regulates marketing of forest reproductive material, conditions for production and

FSTSD # 02.0071 **Country -** Slovenia **Product** Forest Reproductive Material
use thereof; the obligations of persons involved in production, marketing and import of reproductive material; professional tasks and procedures relating to origin, quality and identity of reproductive material; acquisition and exchange of data; seed reserves and gene bank; costs; bodies responsible for carrying out this act, and supervision.

FSTSD # 02.0072 **Country -** Slovenia **Product** Seeds and Propagative Material
Comment Deadline Date - 6/15/02 **Enforcement Date -** 07/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT SVN/9
Objective - Plant Protection

Description - The Act regulates the production, processing, import and placing on the market of seed and propagating material of agricultural and horticultural plant species, prescribes conditions for carrying out activities of a supplier, responsibilities of a supplier, quality requirements and other conditions, which seeds and propagating materials shall meet, official checking of suppliers and official certification of seeds and propagating material, entering the varieties in the national catalogue of varieties, maintenance of varieties, supervision over carrying out the Act, prescribes official tasks and authorizations of responsible official bodies, prescribes measures that shall be taken by responsible official bodies, establishes an information system and regulates the exchange of data and information in the field seeds and propagating materials, regulates infringements and penalties, transitional and final provisions.

NOTE: This notification is the same as SPS/N/SVN/16 notified in this newsletter.

FSTSD # 02.0073 **Country -** Grenada **Product** Wet Seasoning
Comment Deadline Date - 7/1/02 **Enforcement Date -** 08/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT GRD/1
Objective - Compulsory Status has been recommended in order to protect the consumer or user against danger to health or safety by ensuring a product of acceptable quality.

Description - This National Standard specifies requirements for Wet Seasoning. It provides guidance and basic information on the identity, purity, wholesomeness and quality of wet seasoning. It also covers basic ingredients, test methods and requirements for packaging, labelling and sampling.

FSTSD # 02.0074 **Country -** Grenada **Product** Labelling of Pesticides and Other Toxic Chemicals
Comment Deadline Date - 7/1/02 **Enforcement Date -** 08/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT GRD/2
Objective - Compulsory Status has been recommended in order to protect workers who handle pesticides and other toxic chemicals during transportation or storage. Also to inform consumer or user on risk and hazards associated with these chemicals and to protect them against danger to health or safety.
Description - This National Standard specifies the information to be included on labels of pesticide packages intended for retail trade and the information to be included in the instructions printed on any leaflets accompanying the packages. It also covers warning marks and phrases and precautionary measures to be taken.

End of Report.